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For: METHOD FOR STATISTICAL  
MULTIPLEXING OF ATM CONNECTIONS

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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits and filed concurrently with the attached Request for Continued Examination (RCE), Applicant respectfully requests entry on this Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.